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Title:

OPTICAL HEAD APPARATUS, OPTICAL INFORMATION

RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS, METHOD FOR

DETECTING ABERRATION AND METHOD FOR ADJUSTING

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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 15 and 16) and Species I (Figs. 1 and 2) in response to the Restriction Requirement of May 25, 2004. Claims 1-8 and 10-16 read on the elected species.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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